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SUBJECT: CAIRO PRESS ON SUDANESE COUP

1. CAIRO PRESS CONTINUES GIVE TOP PRIORITY TO ABORTIVE COUP IN
SUDAN. ALL DAILIES JULY 6 LEAD WITH INTERVIEW GIVEN BY NUMAYRI TO
JOURNALISTS IN PORT LOUIS, IN WHICH HE REPORTEDLY CONFIRMED HE HAD
ASKED FOR UNSC MEETING TO LOOK INTO "INVASION" UNDERTAKEN BY
"MERCENARY ELEMENTS TRAINED AND SUPPLIES" BY QADHAFI. COMMENTING ON
COMPOSITION OF REBEL GROUP, NUMAYRI WAS QUOTED AS SAYING
INFILTRATION BY LIBYAN ELEMENTS BEGAN A YEAR AGO. LIBYA HAD
GATHERED MERCENARIES FROM ETHIOPIA, MALI, CHAD, TANZANIA, AND
LIBYA ITSELF. ALL THOSE ARRESTED CONFESSED THAT THEY INTENDED
SET UP GOVERNMENT HEADED BY AL-SADIQ AL-MAHDI AND AL-SHARIF
HUSAYN AL-HINDI. DETAINEES ALSO ALLEGEDLY CONFESSED THEY HAD BEEN
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TRAINED IN LIBYA, WHERE THEY RECEIVED MONEY AND INSTRUCTIONS.

2. TURNING TO EGYPTIAN ROLE, NUMAYRI PAID TRIBUTE TO SADAT'S BROTHERLY ACTION IN "PLACING ALL EGYPT'S POTENTIAL AT OUR DISPOSAL," ADDING HE HAD RECEIVED TWO MESSAGES FROM SADAT. QADHAFI'S BEHAVIOR, BY CONTRAST, IS UNPRECEDENTED SINCE "TIME OF THE TARTARS" AND STEMS FROM QADHAFI'S ASPIRATION DOMINATE ARAB WORLD. SINCE EGYPT OBSTRUCTS HIS LEADERSHIP PLANS, QADHAFI SOUGHT FIRST ISOLATE EGYPT THROUGH ESTABLISHING ARAB REJECTION FRONT, BUT WAS HIMSELF ISOLATED. AS RESULT, NUMAYRI CHARGED, QADHAFI MADE SECOND ATTEMPT BY MOUNTING ACTS OF SABOTAGE IN SUDAN.

3. SUDANESE AMBASSADOR ALSO TOLD PRESS OF HIS GRATITUDE TO SADAT FOR RAPID TRANSPORT OF SUDANESE BRIGADE IN EGYPT "IN LESS THAN AN HOUR." MEMORANDUM DELIVERED TO ARAB LEAGUE BY SUDANESE AMBASSADOR REPORTEDLY DECLARES THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAS MASSIVE PROOF THAT LIBYA WAS INVOLVED IN RECRUITMENT OF MERCENARIES TO ASSASSINATE NYMAYRI AND OVERTHROW HIS GOVERNMENT. MEMO REQUESTED AL SYG SECURE AN EXPLANATION AND ENSURE NON-REPETITION OF SUCH FLAGRANT ACTS. SUDANESE AMBASSADOR, IN SECOND PUBLIC STATEMENT, THIS ONE ADDRESSED TO SUDANESE CITIZENS IN CAIRO, AGAIN THANKED PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT, REITERATED "EVIDENCE" THAT LIBYA HAD PREPARED AND EXECUTED COUP EFFORT, AND CLAIMED NOT A SINGLE SUDANESE ON ACTIVE SERVICE HAD BEEN INVOLVED ON REBEL SIDE.

4. IN FURTHER GESTURE TOWARD NUMAYRI, PRESIDENT SADAT HAS, ACCORDING TO PRESS, INSTRUCTED VP MUBARAK TO STOP OVER IN KHARTOUM JULY 7 ON HIS WAY HOME FROM PORT LOUIS. APPARENTLY NUMAYRI EXTENDED INVITATION PERSONALLY IN PORT LOUIS.

5. EDITORIALS IN GUMHURIYYA AND AKHBAR BLAST QADHAFI FOR CONSPIRING AGAINST ENTIRE ARAB NATION. AKHBAR NOTES AIR LIFT WHICH TOOK SUDANESE FORCES FROM CANAL TO KHARTOUM WOULD HAVE CARRIED EGYPTIAN TROOPS TO SUDAN TO DEAL WITH QADHAFI'S INSANE MACHINATION HAD THIS PROVED NECESSARY.

6. IN FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL, AHRAH RECALLS VINOGRADOV'S RECENT VISIT TO TRIPOLI AND WONDERS IF THERE WAS SOME RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THIS VISIT AND THE CONSPIRACY AGAINST SUDAN. QADHAFI HAS BEEN CAUGHT RED-HANDED MORE THAN ONCE, AHRAH POINTS OUT, AND ARABS CAN NO LONGER KEEP SILENT. ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL SHOULD, UNCLASSIFIED

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IN CONSIDERING NUMAYRI'S COMPLAINT, CONSIDER AMENDING AL CHARTER TO ENABLE AL TACKLE SABOTAGE PERPETRATED AGAINST ANOTHER MEMBER STATE. GUMHURIYYA AGREES WITH AHRAH THAT "QADHAFI'S CONSPIRACY WAS MANUFACTURED ABROAD," AND IMPLIES SOVIET INVOLVEMENT. EILTS

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